

Appln. No.: 09/720,300

SSM-487US

Amendment Dated November 15, 2004

Reply to Office Action of November 4, 2004

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appln. No: 09/720,300
Applicant: Hans R. Brunner et al.
Filed: April 9, 2001
Title: DEVICE FOR INTERMITTENT COMPRESSION
TC/A.U.: 3762
Examiner: Frances P. Oropeza
Confirmation No.: 2492
Docket No.: SSM-487US

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 19, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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III. Conclusion

The applicants submit that the pending rejections have been overcome and respectfully request early notification of the allowance of the application. If the Examiner issues a rejection, the applicants presume such a rejection would be non-final, despite the amendment to the claims, because the amendment to the claims was made at the Examiner's direction (see page 2, paragraph 2 of the Office Action). This amendment is not being made in response to the prior art rejection.

Respectfully submitted,



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